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the application of
Burbank et al.

For: TISSUE ACQUISITION SYSTEM AND
METHOD OF USE

Serial No.: 09/981,525

Filed: October 16, 2001

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) Group Art Unit: 3736

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X Petition under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(6)(iii) For Amending An Application For An Unintentional Delayed Priority Claim;

X Change Of Correspondence Address; and

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X Petition fee, 37 CFR§1.17(t), \$1300.

2. Payment of Fees

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(6)(iii) FOR AMENDING
AN APPLICATION FOR AN UNINTENTIONAL DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(6)(iii) upon which to include priority claim of provisional application Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998, in the above-identified application. On April 5, 2003, Applicants requested a corrected filing receipt for inclusion of priority claim of Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998 based upon reliance of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b). The Patent Office in their On Petition, mailed August 5, 2002, dismissed Applicants' request due to Applicants' reliance upon the incorrect regulation and also for failure to meet the statutory fee requirement. On September 25, 2002, Applicants petitioned again the Patent Office for reconsideration based upon what Applicants deemed as additional pertinent information. The Patent Office dismissed Applicants' second request in the On Petition mailed June 27, 2003; however, providing applicants with additional explanation for the dismissal. To

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overcome Applicants' previous errors, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R.

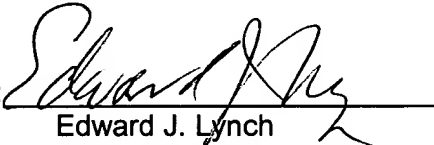
§1.78(a)(6)(iii), and state that the entire delay between the date the priority claim was due and the date of this petition for priority was inadvertent and unintentional.

Furthermore, the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) for this petition of \$1300 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. 04-1679.

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